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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 12:00.

House of Representatives

Monday, January 3, 2022

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> WASHINGTON, DC, January 3, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and infinite God, we approach You this morning praying Your benediction on the first year of this 117th Congress.

In the year that has passed, much has transpired, the likes of which we could never have imagined nor predicted, yet all of which has been held captive to Your grace plan, both because of and despite our own actions and decisions.

Give Your blessing to those choices we have made and behaviors we have displayed which have reflected the divine love, grace, and mercy You have shown each of us and this Nation.

Call us to account for those choices we have made and behaviors we have displayed which have fallen short of the attitudes of generosity, kindness,

and forbearance for which You have created us.

In this last year, You started a good work in us. Compel each to carry it on to completion with decisions of decency, attitudes of gratitude, and a commitment to civility in our service to You and to this country.

In the name of the one whose love never ends, we pray.

Amen.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK, House of Representatives, Washington, DC, January 3, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Kevin F. McCumber, Deputy Clerk, Ms. Lisa P. Grant, Deputy Clerk, Ms. Tonya Sloans, Legal Counsel, and Ms. Cheryl H. Muller, Director of Personnel, to sign any and all pa-pers and perform all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House for which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided

or disability. This designation shall remain in effect for the 117th Congress, or until such time that the designation requires modification.

by statute, in case of my temporary absence

With best wishes, I am.

Sincerely.

CHERYL L. JOHNSON, Clerk of the House.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

> House of Representatives, Washington, DC, January 1, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to inform you that I have notified California Governor Gavin Newsom of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective today at 11:59 PM EST.

I has been the honor of my life to represent the people of California's San Joaquin Valley

☐ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., ☐ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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